

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | June 2024

The grass withers,
the flower fades,
But the WORD OF GOD
stands forever.

ISAIAH 40:8 | BELIEVERS4EVER

Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

School is out and summer is here, right? Well, sort of. Our day school classes have concluded for the school year, but I would like to invite you to a 12-week class that focuses on the basic doctrines of the Christian Faith. The class will be held after the church service on Sundays. It is a series from The Lutheran Hour called God Connects. Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can have enough materials ready for the class. Child care will be provided.

I also encourage you to take a look at the LCMS webpage as it has a resource called Conversation Starter Cards. It is to get people talking and opening up as they sit around the dining room or places you meet with family and friends. I think it is a great resource that will lead to fun conversation and memories shared.

If you would like to download a copy, please go to The LCMS website and search for Conversation Starter Cards or come see me.

I would like to thank all of the teachers and staff for having a great school year as we continue to teach the message of salvation. Have a wonderful start to your summer as you grow in the knowledge of Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Hoepfner

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**Faith Lutheran
Church and School**

Bringing People Together in Faith

*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and
when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*

Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ.
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Announcements

Our English District is launching a new model for funding missions to which every congregation is invited to participate. It is completely voluntary but we believe that as God's people see and hear what is being accomplished specifically and directly in support and development of new missions and enhancing existing missions, more and more of us will want to be involved. This funding model is based on the belief that "there is power and strength in many giving a little." Loving our neighbor includes caring for their spiritual well-being. This is why the need exists for God's people to come together in support of missions that are bearing kingdom fruit. It's simple. Very simple. It is NOT burdensome, nor sacrificial. It involves every baptized member of the Body of Jesus in your congregation, from the newest baby baptized to the oldest member. It demonstrates the power of the beautiful body of Christ working together, prompted by faith. It shows how much can be accomplished by many, giving little. \$1/per baptized member/per week. Simple, right? Self-explanatory almost. Not burdensome, nor sacrificial. All can participate. If every baptized member of our district congregations did ONLY this plan, we could produce \$2.5 million in addition to our district's total budget of \$1.8 million. The numbers are staggering. Just think what else we could do! Through the next year, Faith Lutheran will adapt this new model. There will be a plastic case in the back of the church where the money can be placed. This will replace our current mission of the month program.

- During the summer months, we are holding an adult instruction class after the Sunday Service. This class is for anyone who wants to learn and be refreshed by the study of the basics of the Christian Faith. We will follow a series called God Connects through The Lutheran Hour. One can also have access to the curriculum online if you miss a Sunday. Childcare will be provided and we will meet in one of the classrooms. Please let Pastor Hoepfner know if you will be attending so he can get enough materials for class.
- Church Council will be meeting, June 16th at 8 am here at Faith.
- There will be a voter's meeting on June 23rd after the 9 am worship service.
- Sanctuary Refresh meeting will be held on June 4th, 5:30 pm at Faith.
- We will be assembling the annual report so please submit your report as soon as possible to Kristin. Budget requests to Norman.
- Would you like to help with the maintenance of the lawn here at Faith? There is a sign up sheet for lawn mowing in the hallway near the kitchen. Please sign up for the weeks you would like to help! If you have any questions, please contact David Nelson at 920-248-1501.
- Faith is taking part with a number of other churches in Watertown a Movie Night during three or four summer Friday evenings at the downtown square. We are also planning a Kid's Fest at a local park in August. We are looking for individuals who would help being on the "Movie Night Team" and "Kid's Fest." If you are interested, please contact Pastor Hoepfner.
- If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 261-8060.
- If you would like to serve on a cleaning team or be a greeter/usher, please contact Pastor Hoepfner.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with June Birthdays

Kyle Albedyll	1	Rebecca Roell	11
Kayla Wegner	5	Hannah Mock	17
Korbyn Prust	8	Evrette Fessler	19
Ingrid Baum	10	Edward O'Riley	19
Sophia Hoepfner	10	Gerry Siegel	21
Emma Frazier	11	Hope Heger	23



God's Blessings to you!

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- Purchase Scrip Gift cards for your favorite places to shop and the things you use everyday. You can pick them up in the office or order online any time at <https://www.raiseright.com> our school code 7D4EB33L48L9.

Faith earns a percentage of the money spent.

Contact Beth Stendel for more information at kbdstendel@gmail.com or 920-261-8362

Orders for the month due 6/3 and 6/17 by noon. •

**** Box Tops launched their APP based program and will no longer be making box tops that you will cut out. You will need to download the app and scan your receipt to enter your box tops. If you prefer not to do that, you can bring your receipts into the office and I will scan them using my phone! ****

Every bit helps the church & school!!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THESE PROGRAMS

Your offering can be automatically withdrawn weekly, monthly, or even just one time. How convenient is that when you are out of town, but still need to make your offering for the week. Please contact Beth Stendel to get an ACH form that needs to be filled out and on file to do so. We will also have cards in the pew to write down that ONE-TIME offering that you can put in the offering plate if you forgot your checkbook or have no cash on you. You still need to have the ACH paper filled out and on file in order to use the pew cards. Stewardship will still keep track of your giving, just as if it were cash or a check.

Doctrinal Review

Of the Election of Grace

Accordingly we reject as an anti-Scriptural error the doctrine that not alone the grace of God and the merit of Christ are the cause of the election of grace, but that God has, in addition, found or regarded something good in us which prompted or caused Him to elect us, this being variously designated as "good works", "right conduct", "proper self-determination", "refraining from willful resistance," etc. Nor does Holy Scripture know of an election "by foreseen faith," "in view of faith," as though the faith of the elect were to be placed before their election; but according to Scripture the faith which the elect have in time belongs to spiritual blessings with which God has endowed them by His eternal election. For Scripture teaches Acts 13:48: "And as many as were ordained unto eternal life believed." Our Lutheran Confession also testifies: "The eternal election of God however, not only foresees and foreknows the salvation of the elect, but is also, from the gracious will and pleasure of God in Christ Jesus, a cause which procures, works, helps and promotes our salvation and what pertains there to; and upon this our salvation is so founded that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it, Matt 16:18, as is written John 10:28: 'Neither shall any man pluck My sheep out of My hand'; and again, Acts 13:48: 'And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed..'"

Prayer Concerns

For our military, the sick, discouraged, & troubled, For those experiencing major life changes like divorce, unemployment or underemployment, difficulty making ends meet. The well being of the church & state, and whatever rests in our hearts.



Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – June 2024

The Gift of Contentment

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Shine Like Stars - Daniel 12:3

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Return your registration form and the \$125 registration fee today! Don't forget to refer a new family and get a tuition credit!

SAVE THE DATE!

- 4th of July Parade - email the office if you would like to walk in the parade with Faith!

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

6/10 Sophia Hoepfner
6/18 Emily Marciel

Have a great



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June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER/ASSISTANT 6/2 Kayla W, Harry K & Norman W 6/9 Nathan H & Carl H 6/16 Dan B & Carl H 6/23 Ella M, Harry K & Carl H	GREETERS 6/2 The Prust Family 6/9 Harry & Kay Koppin 6/16 Kent & Audra Uttech 6/23 Karen Clutterbuck 6/30 The Prust Family	ACOLYTE 6/2 Dylan Wegner 6/9 Jasmine Albedyll 6/16 Kayla Wegner 6/23 Jasmine Albedyll 6/30 Damon Wegner				1 Rummage Sale & Brat Fry 9 am - 3 pm
2 9 am service Bible Study	3 Scrip due by noon	4 Sanctuary Refresh Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	5	6	7	8
9 9 am service Bible Study	10	11 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek	12	13	14 Faith Night at Bentzin Town Square 5-8 pm	15
16 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study	17 Scrip due by noon	18	19	20	21	22
23 9 am service Voter's Meeting after service Bible Study	24	25 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek	26	27	28	29
30 9 am service No Bible Study						